

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Please cancel claims 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A tire tread rubber composition comprising 20 to 95 parts by weight of an aromatic vinyl-conjugated diene copolymer rubber (A), 5 to 50 parts by weight of a conjugated diene-based rubber gel (B) having a toluene swelling index of 16 to 70 and 0 to 50 parts by weight of another diene-based rubber (C), wherein the total weight of rubber is 100 parts by weight and wherein the copolymer rubber (A) has a glass transition temperature TgA of -40°C to -5°C and wherein the TgA and the TgB of the glass transition temperature of the conjugated diene based rubber gel (B) satisfy the following formula (1):

$$\text{TgA} - 10 < \text{TgB} < \text{TgA} + 10 \quad (1)$$

11. (Original) A tire tread rubber composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein said conjugated diene-based rubber gel has a Mooney viscosity ML₁₊₄ (100°C) of 90 to 140.

12. (Previously Presented) A tire tread rubber composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein said conjugated diene-based rubber gel includes 48.9 to 98.9% by weight of a conjugated diene monomer unit, 50 to 1% by weight of an aromatic vinyl monomer unit and 0.1 to 1.5% by weight of a polyfunctional vinyl monomer unit.

13. (Previously Presented) A tire tread rubber composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein said rubber composition further contains 10 to 150 parts by weight of carbon

black having a nitrogen absorption specific surface area N₂SA of 70 to 350 m²/g and 0 to 150 parts by weight of silica.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16-20 (Cancelled)